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Tokyo Chief Vows a Lockheed Inquiry

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TOKYO, April 3—Prime Minister Takeo Miki of Japan pleaded with Parliament today to separate the Lockheed scandal from other issues and to get on with the work of the nation, especially the national budget.

Mr. Miki said at a nationally televised news conference that the United States Central Intelligence Agency's reported knowledge of Lockheed Aircraft Corporation bribes and the C.I.A.'s political role here should be investigated, perhaps with American help.

He promised that the investigation into the Lockheed affair would be thorough, but he gave no specifics beyond what tax and police authorities have already begun.

Political aides said that Mr. Miki is more concerned now with the national budget, which he considers vital to economic recovery, with Parliament elections that must be held before December and with reforms to reduce chances of charges of bribery and "money politics."

A 'Serious Impact'

The Prime Minister, in a reference to the stalled situation in Parliament over the Lockheed affair, asserted that "deliberations on the budget should be resumed because the delay is having a serious impact on the people's livelihood, on public works, on local governments and other financial matters." Japan's fiscal year began Thursday, with a 40-day temporary budget.

For two months, the opposition has been holding the national budget hostage until a full investigation of the Lockheed matter is completed, effectively paralyzing Parliament. "I cannot afford to have the vacuum in Parliament continue any longer because I shall not be able to discharge my political responsibilities," Mr. Miki said.

However, he added: "I promise I will stake my political life on investigating the Lockheed affair."

The Prime Minister, looking tense and anxious, said that "I believe that the Lockheed affair represents a great crisis for Japanese parliamentary democracy."

Asked at the news conference about reports that the C.I.A. had knowledge of the Lockheed bribes, Mr. Miki replied: "I believe the truth of this issue must also be investigated thoroughly. Al-

trated on the investigation of the Lockheed affair for the moment, the C.I.A. issue cannot be laid aside.

The reports, in The New York Times and the New Republic, were given top play by most national newspapers and television networks here. The reports said that Yoshio Kodama, Lockheed's secret agent here, had a long-standing connection with the American intelligence organization.

The reports also said that the C.I.A. had helped finance one or more political parties in the 1958 election campaign, which ended in re-election for Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi of the generally pro-American Liberal Democratic Party. Mr. Kishi, still an influential member of Parliament, was quoted as saying there was no reason for him to take money from the C.I.A.

Mr. Kodama remained silent, as he has been since the start of the Lockheed disclosures two months ago. The power broker, who is 65 years old, is reportedly under medical care in his suburban home.

Mr. Miki's plea to Parliament today appeared to reflect a frustration with the Japanese obsession with the Lockheed scandal. As the Prime Minister

noted, only eight pieces of legislation have been passed since the session opened in January. Fifty-four remain on the agenda, including some needed for economic recovery.

Today's hour-long news conference occasionally seemed like a debate between Japanese journalists and the Prime Minister. It was devoted solely to Lockheed and related issues.

Within the Liberal Democratic Party, of which Mr. Miki as Prime Minister is titular head, there are increasing signs of squabbling. Some factions have become openly critical of Mr. Miki's leadership and are seeking to oust him.

Untrue, Kishi Says

TOKYO, April 3 (UPI)—Former Prime Minister Nobusuke Kishi denied today that C.I.A. funds had been used in the 1958 Parliament election in which his Liberal Democratic Party won a decisive victory.

The reports, in The New York Times and The New Republic, were "absolutely untrue," Mr. Kishi said.

Yasuhiro Nakasone, secretary general of the Liberal Democratic Party, issued a similar denial and said the party would make a "strong protest" to The Times.